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Claims 10-30 are currently pending in the application. Claims 11-19 and 24-30 are hereby cancelled. New claims 31-33 are presented for consideration.

Claims 10, 13 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, as allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification. While the applicant respectfully submits that there is disclosure of the particular limitation noted by the Examiner, this language has been deleted from the claims.

Claims 10 and 20-23 stand alternatively rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as allegedly being indefinite.

An amendment has been made to include “a” in claim 10 so that the inclusion of “b” is appropriate.

Additionally, the objected to language has been deleted from claim 10.

Claim 19 stands objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim. In light of the fact that the alleged problems under 35 U.S.C. §112 have been addressed, claim 19, which is now rewritten in independent form, is believed allowable.

Claims 10, 13 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over French Patent No. 620 641 (Strasbourg).

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 10 and 20-23, and favorable consideration of new claims 31-33 are requested.

Claim 10 has been amended to, among other things, characterize the peripheral edges of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets as each comprising a bound peripheral edge portion and an opposite peripheral edge portion. The binding is located at the bound peripheral edge portions of the sheets in the first plurality of sheets. The opposite

peripheral edge portion of each sheet in the first plurality of sheets has a first length between spaced ends. The opposite peripheral edge portions on fourth and fifth sheets, respectively overlying the first and second sheets at the first location, have substantially straight edge parts each extending along a first line so as to expose the front surface of the first and second sheets at the first location. The book has a substantially squared outer edge shape with the bound peripheral edge portions and opposite peripheral edge portions on the sheets in the first plurality of sheets extending generally parallel to a second reference line. The first line is disposed at a slight angle with respect to the second reference line. The straight edge parts on the fourth and fifth sheets extend over at least approximately one third of the first length.

As noted in Amendment A, on page 26, with respect to claim 19, the use of a straight edge part at a slight angle with respect to a third reference line, that is generally parallel to the bound and opposite peripheral edge portions, allows the controlled sheet turning capability to be incorporated while maintaining the appearance of a conventional book. The Strasbourg cutouts are made at a sharp angle so as to be dominant in appearance. Strasbourg does not, alone or in conjunction with any of the prior art cited by Examiner, teach or suggest cutouts with the configuration recited in claim 10.

New claims 31-33 have dependency successively from claims 10, 31 and 19, which are believed allowable, and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over the prior art.

Entry of the amendment, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 10 and 20-23,
and allowance of the case are requested.

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